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Wilma and Cliff Derksen in their home on Thursday. STEVE LAMBERT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family shocked  
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Candace Derksen.

Slain girl's family says  
they're convinced of  
Mark Grant's guilt

ruling in a 7-0 decision.

Wilma Derksen said she still believes Grant abducted and killed Candace.

"We believe that the (appeal) process is good and it's needed, and if there is doubt out there, then let's talk about it or drop it," she said. "I have to admit, though, that I'm convinced (of Grant's guilt) ... I can't not be convinced."

The case against Grant hinged on DNA evidence from hair and fibre samples collected in the shed.

RCMP tested the twine used to bind Derksen in 2001, but results were inconclusive. A private lab tested the twine and hair again in 2007. Grant was then charged.

Grant has a long criminal history but has repeatedly denied killing Derksen.

When the Manitoba high court overturned his conviction, it said the trial judge erred in not allowing the defence to present evidence that pointed to another possible killer — an unidentified man who tied up a 12-year-old girl in 1985 while Grant was in custody.

The Supreme Court agreed.

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The mother of a Manitoba girl killed 30 years ago expressed surprise Thursday following a Supreme Court decision that ordered a new trial for the man she firmly believes killed her daughter.

"We are totally flummoxed, totally in shock," Wilma Derksen said as she sat in her living room beside her husband, Cliff.

Candace Derksen was 13 when she disappeared on her way home from school in Winnipeg in 1984. Her body was found six weeks later in a storage shed near her house. She had been tied up and left to freeze to death.

Mark Grant was convicted of second-degree murder in 2011, but the Manitoba Court of Appeal overturned the conviction in 2013 and ordered a new trial.

Provincial prosecutors appealed to the Supreme Court, which upheld the Appeal Court



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# Manitoba could have a new premier after Sunday's vote

**Politics.** New Democrats prepare to decide on the future of the party's provincial leadership

Premier Greg Selinger faces the possibility of being ousted from office this weekend following an open caucus revolt that has left the governing NDP divided.

Delegates to the party's annual convention will choose between Selinger and two of his former cabinet ministers — Theresa Oswald and Steve Ashton — in a leadership vote Sunday.

It is a choice between a premier who has led the party as it sunk in opinion polls, a rebel who broke ranks to call out the leader and a long-time elected member who has never been appointed to a senior ministry.

Selinger called for the vote after some of his top cabinet ministers, including Oswald, openly suggested he



Delegates have a choice between Premier Greg Selinger, above, Theresa Oswald or Steve Ashton. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

consider resigning to help the party bounce back from low polling — a result largely caused by the government's provincial sales tax increase in 2013.

The race is by most accounts too close to call and is

expected to require a second ballot. Like other parties, the provincial NDP requires that if one candidate does not capture a majority on the first ballot, the last-place finisher drops out and another vote is held.

Delegates “can change their minds, and if it goes to a second ballot, all bets are off,” said Royce Koop, who teaches political science at the University of Manitoba.

Almost 1,800 delegates will choose between Sel-

inger, who served a decade as finance minister before becoming premier in 2009; Oswald, a former health minister touted as a fresh, younger face for the party; and Ashton, a 34-year legislature veteran who has often found himself outside the government's inner circle.

Selinger has the backing of inner-city delegates and some of the province's top union leaders, who are urging hundreds of labour delegates to support him.

Oswald has been supported by many government staffers and advisers who used to work for Selinger, as well as by suburban and youth delegates.

Ashton has strong support in northern communities and from new party members his team has signed up in recent months.

Whoever wins will have to reunite the NDP and work to win back public support before the next provincial election, slated for April 2016.

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## Timeline

### How Selinger found himself in this position

**Sept. 23, 2011:** In a televised debate, Progressive Conservative Leader Hugh McFadyen accuses Selinger of a secret plan to raise the provincial sales tax. Selinger calls the idea “nonsense,” “ridiculous” and “absurd.”

**April 2012:** The NDP expands the provincial sales tax to cover more items, including tattoos, hair cuts and many types of insurance.

**April 2013:** The government raises sales tax to eight per cent from seven, citing a sluggish global economy, damage from flooding and much-needed infrastructure work.

**October 2013:** With the NDP lagging behind the Opposition in opinion polls, Selinger shuffles cabinet and changes his messaging. He says money raised by the tax increase will be used exclusively for core infrastructure.

**Oct. 27-28, 2014:** Senior party members and five of Selinger's top cabinet ministers go public with a suggestion he resign.

**Nov. 3, 2014:** Theresa Oswald and the other four ministers resign their portfolios and move to backbenches. Selinger replaces them with less-experienced ministers.

**Nov. 8, 2014:** Selinger calls on the NDP executive to solve the dispute by holding a leadership contest at the party's annual convention in March.

**Dec. 18, 2014:** Oswald enters the leadership race.

**Dec. 22, 2014:** Steve Ashton enters the contest.

**Dec. 26, 2014:** An opinion poll by Probe Research suggests NDP support has hit a record low — 26 per cent among decided voters, compared with 48 per cent for the Progressive Conservatives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# THE RACE FOR NDP LEADERSHIP

Three people are competing for the New Democrats' top job, and as a result, Manitoba could end up with a new premier on Sunday. Here's a look at the contenders.

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Greg Selinger, current Premier and provincial NDP leader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Greg Selinger.** Things were not supposed to be this hard for Selinger.

After taking over Manitoba's governing New Democrats from his predecessor Gary Doer, Selinger led the NDP to a record 37 of 57 legislature seats in 2011. With the resignations of both opposition party leaders, he seemed assured a smooth ride ahead. It wasn't long before things turned. In 2012, the government expanded the provincial sales tax to cover tattoos, haircuts, insurance policies and other items. The next year, the government raised the tax to eight per cent from seven without a referendum as required.

Selinger is focused more on policy solutions than popularity, one analyst says.

"The problem with Selinger ... is that when he makes up his mind on an issue ... it's hard to change his mind, because he's committed a lot of intellectual effort to coming to a position," says Paul Thomas, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Manitoba.

Selinger, 64, entered provincial politics in 1999 after time as a Winnipeg city councillor and, before that, serving as a social

## Economy

Selinger has had to navigate tougher financial waters than Doer, choosing a path that has been called bold by supporters and foolhardy by critics. He sees increased spending as a way to stimulate the economy, and makes no bones about running several deficits in a row.

worker in the city's core. He served a decade as finance minister under Doer and focused on education and economic opportunities for youth. He was determined to maintain that focus when he became premier in 2009 and set the bar for success at developing a "modern economy that offers good quality jobs to a well-educated group of citizens."

Selinger's government has established apprenticeship programs, introduced new financial relief for post-secondary students and expanded trade schools. He has also developed safeguards for the poor such as strict limits on payday loan companies.



Theresa Oswald promised new rebates for low-income earners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Theresa Oswald.** Before Oswald entered politics — and long before she led a caucus revolt against her own premier — she was a teacher. Oswald, 48, still lives in the south end of Winnipeg where she grew up in what she calls "very humble" circumstances.

"My parents didn't graduate from high school ... They always placed a huge value on getting a good education."

Oswald, the youngest of three siblings, stayed in school and got an education degree from the University of Manitoba. She started teaching high school as the 1980s turned to the 1990s — a time when governments of all stripes were cutting spending. After serving as vice-principal at another school, Oswald entered the political arena. In 2003, she ran — and won — in Seine River. A year later, she was elevated to cabinet and given the healthy-living portfolio, then later promoted to health minister.

When Gary Doer resigned as premier in 2009, Oswald was touted as a potential replacement, but she didn't run. Her husband, Sam, was working in the United States and she had

a preschool-aged son, Jack, to raise. She was shuffled to the new portfolio of jobs and the economy in 2013, in part to defend the government's provincial sales tax increase.

She fended off questions about the government's estimate of 58,900 jobs being created — it was really 58,900 person-years of employment — by saying bureaucrats often interchange the terms jobs and person-years. Oswald is now in the position of distancing herself from some of the government actions that she used to defend.

## Quoted

**"I had 44 kids in my Grade 12 English class one year, and 49 in another one."**

Theresa Oswald, NDP leadership candidate, recalls her class sizes at Glenlawn Collegiate after spending cuts in the 1990s.

Oswald has promised new rebates for low-income earners if she becomes premier — one of several promises she has made that make her appear more left-leaning than Selinger.



Steve Ashton first ran for the leadership in 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Steve Ashton.** Commonly known as friendly and chatty, Ashton has been a member of the Manitoba legislature since 1981. But he can get loud and passionate on the legislature floor when fielding questions from the Progressive Conservative Opposition.

Ashton has been around long enough that he, too, has spent time on the opposition benches. With the NDP in power, he has had a variety of cabinet roles, including transportation, labour and water stewardship. But he has never been given the big portfolios of health, justice, finance or education, and has always been something of an outsider. When he first ran for the leadership in 2009, none of his fellow cabinet ministers stood with him.

At 59, Ashton is hoping the second time is the charm as he vies again for the top job. The outsider is aiming to be unifier.

Ashton was introduced to politics early, partly through the labour movement, and continues to be a staunch ally of unions. He was born in England. His family moved to Thompson, Man., when he was 11. After studying political science

## Loyalty

Ashton did not take part in the public rebellion against Selinger. While his critics say he has always had an eye on the premier's job, he says he has been loyal and has kept caucus disputes secret.

and economics, and serving as president of the University of Manitoba students' union, Ashton returned to Thompson and worked briefly in a mine.

"You would get the orientation ... 'Over there is where three guys died back in the '60s. We don't mine that area anymore,'" he recalls.

A provincial election was called and Ashton, who had taken out an NDP membership and joined the United Steelworkers, won a seat. He was 25. He's been re-elected in Thompson ever since. Recently, he has become the face of flood protection in Manitoba, briefing reporters sometimes daily during the spring flood season. He finished with one-third of the vote in 2009, but predicts things will be different this time.

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# Osborne House care won't stop despite takeover

**Political payback?**  
Shelter's board chair questions reasons behind province's decision



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The care received by women and children at the city's

largest women's shelter will not be affected as the province moves to take full control over Osborne House.

Both sides told Metro on Thursday that clients are their top priority — but that's all they agree on.

After years of public fighting the province this week ordered Osborne House's volunteer board to vacate the shelter by April 9, the same day a \$1.6-mil-

## Quoted

**"We have no other thing we can conclude because of the timing of everything and who is on our board."**

Ken Lee

lion funding agreement between the two parties is

cancelled.

The move comes after the province took over management of the facility in 2013 citing concerns over the shelter's finances, staff morale and ability to deliver services.

The board has always disputed the province's claims, and chairman Ken Lee said he thinks the takeover has more to do with politics than the well-being of

women and children.

"We have no other thing we can conclude because of the timing of everything and who is on our board," said Lee, a former CFO for the provincial Tories who said the board is made up entirely of conservatives.

A provincial spokesperson maintained the takeover comes after independent reports found "safety, governance, hu-

man resource, and financial management concerns."

The province will continue to run Osborne House but under a new name until a new service provider is found, according to the spokesperson.

Lee said the board is hopeful the province will reverse its decision but if it doesn't they plan on opening a smaller, private shelter funded by donations.



Bob Veruela Jr., programs director at Graffiti Art Programming, accepts his group's donation from Downtown Winnipeg BIZ on Thursday along with young leader Stormy Angeconeb, right. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

## Youth. CEO Sleepout funds help create leaders

Funds raised during the 2014 CEO Sleepout were doled out on Thursday, with six organizations that work with the homeless and at-risk of homelessness on the receiving end.

Bob Veruela Jr., programs director at Graffiti Art Programming, said the \$45,000 his organization is receiving will not only help them employ young people who have found themselves in difficult circumstances, but also restore a sense of pride.

"We want to give them employment and create leaders and mentors, so they can help other young people recognize their talents and their skills and really give them empowerment," said Veruela, adding that youth also face prejudices based on their age, how they look or where they live.

Sometimes, added Veruela, it's even due to the "at-risk" label.

"It's such a negative thing and when they hear it, they start believing that they are," he said.

Sachit Mehra, chair of the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ, which created the CEO Sleepout in 2011, said the \$205,000 raised during last September's event will result in 19,524 hours worked in 2015.

Mehra also announced that the fifth annual CEO Sleepout will take place Thursday, Sept. 24.

Most of the organizations will hire people to work on downtown beautification projects, event/festival setup and takedown, and community art projects.

One group, Artbeat Studio Inc., will also manage a boutique gallery at Portage Place, giving those participants the chance to gain retail experience.

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## Women's Day. Museum taps into power of soccer

The power of sport — specifically soccer — on women's rights is at the heart of a special event organized by the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and FIFA Women's World Cup for International Women's Day.

The two groups are teaming up to present a panel discussion and several activities from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the museum.

The panel discussion features Canada Soccer's Sylvie Béliveau, who was the head coach of the national women's team. She's also known for her work with Quebec's Égale Action, which promotes women of all ages taking part in sports.

"Soccer is played in almost every nation of the world, which gives it great potential to promote global awareness about equality, respect and human rights for all," said Gail Stephens, the museum's interim president, in a press release.

Peter Montopoli, CEO of the organizing committee for this year's FIFA Women's World Cup, said their objective in bringing the tournament to Canada was to leave a legacy

### Agenda

The program planned at the museum includes:

- Making plastic-bag soccer balls, mini soccer, photos with mascot Shuème

In the classrooms:

- Panel discussions on women's rights, sports and soccer, emceed by Men's U-20 National Team coach Rob Gale; discussion on The Right to Play and generational progress for women in soccer; and a discussion on how international soccer breaks down cultural barriers.

for sport and for women.

"Working with the CMHR on the 40th anniversary of International Women's Day is a perfect example of how this tournament will help to raise awareness of human rights and equality throughout the world," he said.

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# 17 Wing Winnipeg gets cash for infrastructure



Canada's Associate Minister of National Defence Julian Fantino looks around the hangar at 17 Wing Winnipeg on Thursday after announcing \$13 million in federal funding for infrastructure projects at the base. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

**Military.** Investments to have direct impact on base's effectiveness, says wing commander



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Winnipeg's military base is getting a \$13-million makeover.

Associate Minister of National Defence Julian Fantino was at 17 Wing Winnipeg on Thursday morning to announce the federal infrastructure funding.

"This wing is without a doubt an integral part of the local community and produces some of the best-trained military members in the world, and top-notch training needs top-notch infrastructure," said Fantino in a speech before military members and the media.

"To do their best, our men and women in uniform need

the best ... which will help ensure that the Canadian armed forces are able to maintain a high level of readiness as they conduct both current and future operations."

A million dollars will be used to repair and renovate singles quarters on the base, including adding energy-efficient retrofits to heating and ventilation systems. Another \$5.5 million will go to repairs to the base's hangars, and \$6.6 million will go to road and infrastructure projects including sewer, water and electrical work.

Wing Commander Col. Joel Roy said the improvements are sorely needed.

"Overall these investments have direct impact on our ability to deliver on the mandates Canadians expect of 17 Wing," Roy said.

The money is part of \$452 million promised by the prime minister in November to build and renew military infrastructure across the country.



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The weather is finally going to turn, and we might even see some serious melting over the next week. Now, we all know that March is unpredictable, weather-wise, but what is even more unpredictable is what Winnipeggers might find in their yard once the snow melts.

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### 1 Desiccated jack-o'-lantern

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## things you may find under the snow



### 5 Pothole

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# Canada in Iraq 'for the longer term': Nicholson

**Military.** Decision on whether to extend combat mission against ISIL will be made in the next few weeks, foreign affairs minister says

The Harper government is laying the groundwork for what has all the appearances of an extension of Canada's combat mission against the militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

At the end of this week's whirlwind trip to Iraq and other allied countries, Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson dropped strong hints that an extension is in the offing when the current Canadian Forces combat mission expires on April 7. A decision will be made in the next two weeks by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his cabinet, Nicholson said Thursday, peppering his comments with rhetoric about how Canada doesn't stand "on the

## Involvement

Canada has also contributed half a dozen CF-18 fighter jets to the international coalition that is trying to diminish ISIL's strength.

- The special-forces troops have been involved in firefights with militants, but Nicholson said he wasn't aware of any new incidents.

sidelines" and leave the heavy lifting to others.

"We're in this for the longer term to make sure that we do what we can to help," he said in a conference call from Amman in neighbouring Jordan.

A senior defence official said Thursday that the next contingent of troops and aircrew are training for deployment to Iraq, if the government does decide to extend the mission.

"The military planners are ready to answer the government's call in whatever shape

that might take," said navy Capt. Paul Forget. "That planning has been in the works for some time."

Forget was asked whether the military would be able to handle an expansion of the air campaign to Syria, or even eastern Libya, where ISIL has taken hold. Syria "would not be much of a stretch," he said, while underlining the government has not authorized such a move, but Libya would require the establishment of an entirely separate task force.

Nicholson travelled to Baghdad to meet the country's leadership and moved on to northern Iraq's capital of Irbil for meetings with Kurdish leaders. He said the trip would help the government assess whether to extend its six-month military commitment to the coalition fighting ISIL militants.

Progress is being made, but more needs to be done, said Nicholson, who visited some of the 69 Canadian special-forces commandos who are advising Kurdish Peshmerga fighters.

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## Seal takes a stroll in Halifax

Police officers pose with a seal found walking the streets of downtown Halifax early Thursday morning. The youngster, who had been in search of food, was directed home by police, right into the harbour. Around 12:30 a.m., two officers were patrolling an area downtown when a woman flagged them down to help a harbour seal who was hissing under her car. The animal then waddled down the street. Using "gentle persuasion," police wrapped the seal in a blanket and took it back to the harbour, according to a release. COURTESY HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE

## Montreal

### Mail carriers on edge after attacks

Some Montreal letter carriers are on edge after several armed attacks involving two men who use knives and scissors to steal keys to mail boxes.

Union spokesman Alain Duguay said there have been a dozen such incidents in northeastern Montreal since the beginning of the year. One man usually distracts the carrier while the other approaches from behind and demands the keys, said Duguay, the local president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

The assailants then use the keys to steal credit cards, passports and other important documents.

Some of the keys also provide access to apartment buildings.

Duguay said two of the attacks took place at community mail boxes, with the most recent incident occurring at the beginning of this week.

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# Court rules long delays for access requests must be justified

The Federal Court of Appeal has sent a stern message to government institutions: you can't just make up any old deadline for responding to requests under the Access to Information Act.

And by asserting it has the power to review long access-to-information delays, the court has given the Information Commissioner of Canada, Suzanne Legault, an important stick to wield against dawdling departments.

The case in question involved the Department of Na-

tional Defence (DND), which in 2011 told someone seeking records on the sale of military assets that it would take 1,100 days — more than three years — to meet the request.

The information commissioner took the department to court for a review of the time extension. The documents were released a month before the hearing in 2013.

Such battles over delays between commissioners and departments have gone on since the access act was passed 30 years ago. The Federal Court

## Quoted

**"At least now what we have is a clear assertion of jurisdiction of the Federal Court, which means that it gives us more ammunition when we negotiate stricter timelines with institutions."**

Suzanne Legault, Information Commissioner of Canada

eventually ruled that time extensions, which are permitted under the law, are not subject to judicial review, but the appeal court disagreed.

Chief Justice Marc Noel said timely access is a central part

of the right of access and that viewing all time extensions as permissible is tantamount to not having any limits at all.

Under the act, institutions must produce records within 30 days or else inform the re-

quester of a reasonable extension. Often an institution must consult another department or agency to see what documents can be released, making it hard to supply information within a month.

National Defence had come to their estimate of how long it would take to produce the records by considering the typical number of days it took for the Department of Foreign Affairs to get back to it on an access consultation (110) and multiplying that by eight. The number of records involved

was roughly eight times more than the usual batch.

"This type of perfunctory treatment of the matter shows that DND acted as though it was accountable to no one but itself in asserting its extension," Noel wrote.

He said government institutions must make serious efforts to figure out how long it will take to produce records and the estimation must be sufficiently rigorous, logical and supportable to pass muster under court review.

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# Fighting words: Language and sexism enter into a new phase

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**Equality.** Feminists have long debated the issue of sexist language. But with new coinage of mansplaining and manspreading, feminists are fighting back, using words to call out men's bad behaviour.



THANDI FLETCHER  
Metro in Vancouver

Annette Henry is all too familiar with "mansplaining."

A language and literacy education professor at the University of British Columbia, Henry has a PhD and was previously head of her department.

Still, she often experiences situations where men patronizingly explain things to her, under the supposed assumption that she couldn't possibly understand because she's a woman.

"Just the other day a co-worker was explaining teaching to me," Henry said, adding with a laugh: "I mean, I've been teaching for 30 years. It's amazing to me that somebody would think I need a primer on teaching."

The issue of sexist language has been hotly debated within feminist circles since the 1960s, but today women are fighting back in a new way, inventing catchy words to call out sexist behaviour that many may not even be aware of.

"Mansplaining," a portmanteau that combines the words man and explaining, can be traced back to a 2008 article in which writer Rebecca Solnit detailed an experience at a party in which a man patronizingly attempted to tell her about a new book that, unbeknownst to him, she actually had written.

Although Solnit never used the term in her piece, it soon emerged within the feminist lexicon. A plethora of other portmanteaus soon followed, from manspreading to manslamming, maninterrupting and bropropriating.

The terms highlight a real phenomenon women face on a daily basis, but that many people remain oblivious to, said Henry.

Henry said she doesn't believe men are being intentionally "malicious or mean" when

they mansplain or maninterrupt a woman.

"I think often men don't realize," she said. "Sometimes, once they're told, they do, but not always. It's hard to undo a lifetime of habits and socialization."

But Janni Aragon, a political science professor at the Univer-

sity of Victoria, is concerned the terms have evolved to become an "attack" on men, which can undermine their effectiveness.

"It's like the shrill feminist," she said. "Now it's, 'Oh, you're just a mansplainer.'"

She hopes the terms spark dialogue on how words are used

to label both men and women. For example, when women display leadership qualities they are often labelled "bossy," Aragon said, while a man in the same position will be praised for being "hands-on."

So what does mansplaining mean for the future of feminism?

With the coinage emerging at a time when dozens of women are also breaking their silence, coming forward with claims of sexual assault by high-profile men such as Bill Cosby and Jian Ghomeshi, Henry said it could be a sign we are entering a new phase of the feminist movement.

Putting a name to bad behaviour can be empowering for women, but Henry said there's still a lot of work to do to bring about social change.

"I think it's too early to tell (if it will make a difference) because they're relatively new terms," she said.



Putting a name to men's bad behaviour can be empowering for women, says a language and literacy education professor. ISTOCK

### Glossary

- **Mansplaining:** A term to describe when a man patronizingly explains something to a woman, under the supposed assumption that she couldn't possibly understand because she's a woman.
- **Manspreading:** The male habit of sitting with legs apart and taking up too much space on a bus or subway.
- **Manslamming:** When a man is unwilling to make way for a woman coming in the opposite direction on a sidewalk, and pummels into her.
- **Maninterrupting:** When a man interrupts a woman while she's trying to speak.
- **Broppriating:** When a man takes credit for a woman's idea at a meeting.

### The experts' take

## YES

"I just love these terms," said University of British Columbia language and literacy education professor Annette Henry. "The fact that women are naming these things and, of course, we're having a good laugh over it, too — I think it's a powerful thing."

Putting a name to behaviours such as mansplaining emboldens women, said Henry.

"Men walk through the world in ways that are so different from women, and we have to work harder just to get some kind of recognition."

Being able to label sexist behaviour opens up debate about how to bring about change, she said.

"The consciousness has evolved," she said. "Women are naming things that have always been a part of our experience."

Although naming these behaviours may be a step in the right direction, Henry said women still face many inequality in many ways that won't be solved overnight.

ANNETTE HENRY  
Language and literacy education professor at the University of B.C.



## IS THIS A GOOD THING?

## NO

"It has a time and a place," said Janni Aragon, a University of Victoria political science professor. "We often need to think about the appropriateness of language."

While she would use the terms in casual conversation with friends, Aragon said they aren't appropriate in all situations — especially the workplace.

"What happens is this becomes part of our daily language use and we forget that we need to have a modicum of maturity and professionalism in the workplace," she said.

Instead of automatically labelling men as "mansplainers" or "manslamers," she suggests using the terms as an opportunity to talk about language and the ways we interact with others.

When someone "mansplains" or speaks to her in a patronizing manner, Aragon said, she will instead comment on it or repeat it back to them.

"What I've found is that usually the person will realize that they've just done something and clarify," she said. "Or they'll apologize."

JANNI ARAGON  
University of Victoria political science professor





# Racism, money drove Ferguson police: Feds

**Investigation.** City relied on fines from petty offences to raise revenue, demonstrated mass discrimination

While the federal government declined to prosecute Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, it raised grave concerns about the operation of Ferguson's police department and municipal court.

Though about two-thirds of the city's 21,000 residents are black, only four of 54 commissioned officers are African-American.

That lack of diversity undermines community trust, the Justice Department's report said. It also found Ferguson relies heavily on fines for petty offences, such as jaywalking, to raise revenue.

Holder said the city collected more than \$1.3 million in fines and court fees in 2010, but \$3 million more is

projected for the current fiscal year.

He cited a 2007 case where a woman received two parking tickets costing \$152. Because of court fees and other expenses, she has paid \$550 so far, spent six days in jail and still owes \$541.

Federal investigators found many other examples of discrimination. A lawful protest was broken up with a police warning of "Everybody here's going to jail," and a black man sitting in a car with tinted windows was accused without cause of being a pedophile by an officer who pointed a gun at his head.

Between 2012 and 2014, black drivers were more than twice as likely as others to be searched during routine traffic stops but 26 per cent less likely to be carrying contraband.

Federal officials described Ferguson leaders as co-operative and open to change and said there were already signs of improvement. The city, for example, no longer issues

## Details

### Brown's parents file lawsuit

Lawyers for the parents of Michael Brown have announced plans to file a civil lawsuit in their son's death. Attorney Daryl Parks said the City of Ferguson and former officer Darren Wilson will be named in the suit. The comments came at a news conference Thursday in response to the findings from the U.S. Justice Department investigation that cleared Wilson in Brown's death.

failure-to-appear warrants, has eliminated a fee for towing cars and rescinded warrants for nearly 600 defendants.

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## No more elephants on parade

Elephants perform at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla., in January. The circus will phase out the show's iconic elephants by 2018, announcing Thursday that growing public concern about how the animals are treated led to the decision. GARY BOGDON/FELD ENTERTAINMENT INC./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Los Angeles

### Second hospital reports patients infected with CRE

A second Los Angeles hospital is reporting that patients have been infected with an antibiotic-resistant "superbug" linked to a type of widely used medical scope.

The latest cases came at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where four patients were infected with the superbug known as CRE, the hospital said Wednesday. Two weeks ago a similar outbreak was reported at Ronald Regan UCLA Medical Center, where seven patients, two of whom later died, were sickened with the bacteria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## East Ukraine

### Death toll reaches 33 in mining blast

Officials in separatist rebel-held Donetsk city in east Ukraine say the death toll from an accidental explosion at a coal mine has risen to 33. The blast occurred before dawn Wednesday.

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Harrison Ford's small plane lies where it crash-landed on Penmar Golf Course in the Venice area of Los Angeles on Thursday. The course is near the Santa Monica, Calif. Municipal Airport, just west of a runway. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Harrison Ford stable after crash-landing vintage plane

**L.A.** Nobody was hurt on the golf course where he landed

Harrison Ford crash-landed his vintage airplane at a Los Angeles golf course Thursday, an official said. He suffered moderate injuries and was taken to a hospital.

The actor's single-engine plane went down at about 2:30 p.m. in L.A.'s Venice area, authorities said.

The pilot was breathing and conscious when he was taken to a hospital, where he was listed in fair to moderate condition, Los Angeles fire officials said.

Fire officials would not confirm the pilot's identity. However, an official familiar with the crash said it was Ford. The official spoke only on condition of anonymity because of privacy restrictions.

The 72-year-old Star Wars and Indiana Jones actor is an aviation enthusiast who often flies out of the Santa Monica Airport. Penmar Golf Course, where the crash happened, is just west of a runway there.

The plane appeared to be a World War II-era vintage training plane. It was mostly intact after the wreck, and Ford was the only person aboard.

Nobody on the ground was hurt, but people rushed the scene and started helping the

Hollywood star.

Jeff Kuprycz was golfing when he saw the plane taking off.

"Immediately you could see the engine started to sputter and just cut out, and he banked sharply to the left," he said. "He ended up crashing around the eighth hole."

Kuprycz said the plane was about 200 feet overhead when it plunged to the ground.

"There was no explosion or anything. It just sounded like a car hitting the ground or a tree or something. Like that one little bang, and that was it," Kuprycz said.

Ford is cast to play swash-buckling space-age soldier-of-fortune Han Solo in his fourth Star Wars movie, set for re-

lease in December.

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### Engine failure

Harrison Ford reported engine failure shortly after takeoff and told air-traffic controllers he was returning to the airport before crash-landing his vintage plane on a nearby golf course in Los Angeles

- In a communication with the tower at Santa Monica Airport, the pilot said he was having engine failure Thursday afternoon and was making an "immediate return."

# Woman recalls Boston bombing horror

Roseann Sdoia saw two flashes of white light at her feet near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, looked down, and for a split second thought to herself: I'm wearing strappy sandals.

She quickly realized, no — she was looking at her foot dangling from her mangled leg.

"Someone came running over to me and told me I had to get out of there. I told them I couldn't get up. I

didn't have a leg," a sobbing Sdoia testified Thursday at the trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in the 2013 bombing that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

Walking across the courtroom on an artificial limb plainly visible below the hemline of her skirt, Sdoia took the stand as federal prosecutors continued trying to drive home the horror of the attack in such graphic detail that Tsarnaev's law-

yers objected — and were overruled.

Sdoia, who was at the race as a spectator, said she saw wounded people all around her, including someone covered with soot, completely dazed and "walking around like a zombie."

"It was almost like I was starring in a horror movie, as everybody else was around me," she said.

Prosecutors also showed the jury a grisly photo of her

shredded leg.

Tsarnaev, 21, could get the death penalty if convicted. His own lawyer admitted the former college student took part in the bombings.

But in a bid to save Tsarnaev from a death sentence, she argued that he was influenced by his older brother, Tamerlan, who was killed in a getaway attempt days after the bombing.

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## Snuggie seller to pay \$8M in deception case

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### Spam

## CRTC fines Quebec company \$1.1M

The CRTC is preparing to mete out a \$1.1 million fine against a company it accuses of "flagrantly" flouting Canada's anti-spam legislation. Quebec-based corporate training company Compu-Finder has 30 days to contest the CRTC's ruling. The CRTC alleges the company sent commercial emails to consumers without their consent and did not allow recipients to unsubscribe.

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### Target Canada

## Court clears sale of 11 leases

An Ontario judge has given Target Canada the go-ahead to sell leases on 11 of its Canadian locations to Oxford Properties Corp. and Ivanhoe Cambridge.

The value of the agreement is being kept under wraps until Friday.

The decision marks a small step in the liquidation of Target Canada, which made its insolvency filing in January.

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## Employment. Job quality hits 25-year low: CIBC

The quality of jobs in Canada has dipped to its lowest level in a quarter-century, revealing a structural issue that could prove difficult to reverse, says a study by CIBC.

The bank said Thursday its employment quality index, which slipped 1.8 per cent last year, was down 15 per cent since the early 1990s.

The index examines the distribution of full- and part-time positions, the gap between self-employment and the higher-quality jobs, and whether full-time jobs were created in low-, medium- or high-paying sectors.

The study found that since the late 1980s the number of part-time positions climbed much faster compared with the higher-quality full-time gigs. On the bright side, it said the number of full-time jobs increased at twice the speed of part-time jobs over the past year. Over roughly the same period, the number of self-employed jobs, generally considered lower quality because they usually pay less, also rose more quickly than salaried positions.

By sector, the bank said the number of low-paying positions had increased faster than higher-paid jobs since

### Bank of Canada's view

The Bank of Canada has made repeated warnings in recent months about the state of the job market.

- The economy was about 270,000 jobs short of its full capacity at the end of 2014, deputy governor Carolyn Wilkins said in a speech last month.
- More than one in four part-time workers said they would prefer full-time jobs, Wilkins said.
- The participation rate of prime-age workers — between 25 and 54 years — fell substantially in 2014 and the average length of unemployment was 21 weeks, near its height from the recession in 2008-09, she said.

the early 1990s. Taken together, the long-term trends suggest the deterioration in job quality is more of a structural issue than a cyclical one, wrote Benjamin Tal, CIBC's deputy chief economist.

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## India targets BBC for defying broadcast ban

**India's Daughter.** Broadcaster aired controversial film in Britain after screening was blocked in India

India's home minister said Thursday that the government would act against the British Broadcasting Corporation, after the BBC ignored a court order and aired a documentary about a fatal gang rape in which one of the attackers blames the victim.

India's Daughter, by British filmmaker Leslee Udwin, was to have been shown on Sunday — International Women's Day — in India as well as in

Britain, Denmark, Sweden and several other countries including Canada. Police and the government got a court order that halted the screening, but the BBC aired the documentary in the United Kingdom late Wednesday.

Indian viewers cannot see it on the BBC's website, but it could be seen on YouTube. The film has ignited a debate in India where many worry it paints India in a poor light.

In the film Mukesh Singh, who was among four men convicted and sentenced to death for the 2012 rape and murder, said "a girl is far more responsible for rape than a boy."

"A decent girl won't roam around at 9 o'clock at night. ... Housework and housekeeping is for girls, not roaming in discos and bars at night doing wrong things, wearing wrong clothes."

In a statement Wednesday, Delhi Police said it feared that the film's screening had "created a situation of tension and fear amongst women in

the society" and a ban on the documentary was required "in the interest of justice and maintenance of public order."

Activists and lawmakers have criticized the ban, saying that Mukesh Singh's comments only reflect a larger disrespect for women in Indian society. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# ANTIBIOTICS OR NO, JUNK IS JUNK



### THE KOHLER REPORT

By Rebecca Kohler

McDonald's announced this week that over the next two years it will start using antibiotic-free chicken in its restaurants.

While I can't argue that this is a bad thing — it's not — I couldn't help but giggle as I read the article in which I learned the news. In a statement addressing the change, head of McDonald's U.S.A., Mike Andres said, "Our customers want food that they feel great about eating." Ha ha. OK. Well, in that case, why don't you start by losing the name "McDonald's"?

I fully admit that I eat at Mickey D's — I think McNuggets are delicious — and, like many of the rest of you, suffer crippling guilt and gas every time I eat there.

But, when I'm weighing the pros and cons of whether to go there, the antibiotic infused chicken is, like, not even something that crosses my mind. I'm thinking about the fried-food issue, the sodium issue and the amount of money the guy behind the counter is making. I think about mass production and the fact that the chicken in my McNuggets is mechanically ground, sent down a conveyor belt, blended with a con-

coction of other ingredients, and moulded into that familiar nugget shape.

Again, it's good that McDonald's is phasing out the use of antibiotics.

If we consume food that's been treated with the same antibiotics we might need should we suffer from an infection, our bodies get used to them and they become less effective; we become immune to the drugs. So the next time you have strep throat and your doctor prescribes antibiotics, your body won't be confused as to whether this is medicine or a McChicken.

I'm not knocking the announcement, but I'm still laughing at the idea of McDonald's ever being a place I "feel great about eating" at.

In a similar bid to keep or find "healthy-minded" customers, last month, Coca-Cola introduced a new line of beverages in the U.S. called Fairlife — what Coca-Cola calls "premium milk."

To make the dairy-based potion, regular milk is broken down into five parts and then reconstituted into a lower-sugar-higher-protein-lactose-free concoction. While I applaud that effort, has Coca-Cola forgotten that one of the No. 1 nutrition trends of today is to consume fewer processed foods? There is nothing that sounds more un-

**Bahahahahaha**

**I'm not knocking the announcement, but I'm still laughing at the idea of McDonald's ever being a place I 'feel great about eating' at.**

healthy to me than a Franken-milk produced by Coca-Cola.

Then again, maybe if it were made by Organic Meadow I'd be all over it?

Is this where having an amazingly successful brand starts working against you? McDonald's will always be McDonald's. It will always be associated with junk food. We've all seen Super Size Me. We all know (and if you don't, you should) that a Southwest Crispy Chicken Salad with ranch dressing has more calories than a Big Mac. Even when you try to eat "healthy" there, you still come out needing a prescription for Lipitor.

Do they really think a mom who wants wholesome food for her children will now come barreling through the McDonald's door, saying, "No antibiotics?! Please, a Bacon Ranch Junior Chicken and a small fry for my boy! And do you have any of that Coca-Cola milk?!"?

It's kind of sad to see these two junk-food giants scramble to keep their customers in a time where being health-conscious is the coolest fad going.

Still, I find that quote from Mike Andres insulting: "Our customers want food that they feel great about eating."

Seriously, man? You're not an organic farmer — you're McDonald's.

Fast-food chains have been making attempts lately to offer more healthy options to their customers. There are more vegetarian options, fewer trans fats and better access to nutrition guides. Executives from dozens of companies have annual meetings to discuss how to reduce salt and sugar in their food. This is all great.

But at the end of the day, fast-food restaurants also need to embrace what they are: proprietors of unhealthy food that customers flock to because we all — every once in a while — crave cheap, quick, greasy and sodium-rich food that tastes great going down, regardless of what it may do to our bodies later.

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# Happy face/Sad face

From Vulcan currency to flying weasels, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



### EID TO BECOME A SCHOOL HOLIDAY

The New York City public school system is set to observe a pair of Muslim holidays for the first time. School will close for Eid al-Adha in September, and summer school will close next year for Eid al-Fitr in 2016. They are the first Muslim holidays to be recognized by the nation's largest school system.



### STOP SPOCKING YOUR FIVES

No, technically it's not illegal, but the Bank of Canada is still imploring Leonard Nimoy fans to stop "Spocking" their five-dollar bills. The trend of doodling on Wilfrid Laurier's face, to make him look like Spock, picked up momentum this week after the famous Star Trek actor passed away.



### HITCHING A RIDE

It's one of the coolest nature shots we've seen in a long time. U.K. photographer Martin Le-May captured, on camera, a weasel hitching a ride on the back of a woodpecker. The incredible photo, which shows the weasel clinging to the flying bird, has gone viral.



### PINK SHIRT BULLIES

Sometimes irony can be funny; not in this case. A Calgary woman says her son was swarmed, hit and pushed into an icy puddle for wearing a pink shirt to school on Pink Shirt Day — which raises awareness about bullying. The boy's mom says the school has done little to address the incident, while the school described the situation as "complex."



### EASTER NOG

If you've ever wondered, "Hey, why doesn't Easter have its own beverage, like Christmas?" then wonder no longer. An Illinois dairy has teamed up with Peeps (those chick-shaped Easter marshmallows) to make Peep-flavoured milk: Chocolate Marshmallow, regular ol' Marshmallow, and something called Easter Egg Nog. Because, you know, Easter needs more sugar!

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# From small things, big things come

**Analysis.** Countless filmmakers have used shorts as inspiration for their big-screen projects

The word 'short' has many meanings.

Pair it with 'pants' and it evokes memories of childhood summers. Match it with the syllables 'and sweet' and it conjures up a pleasant feeling.

But when you partner it with the word film, as in short film, you open up a world of possibilities.

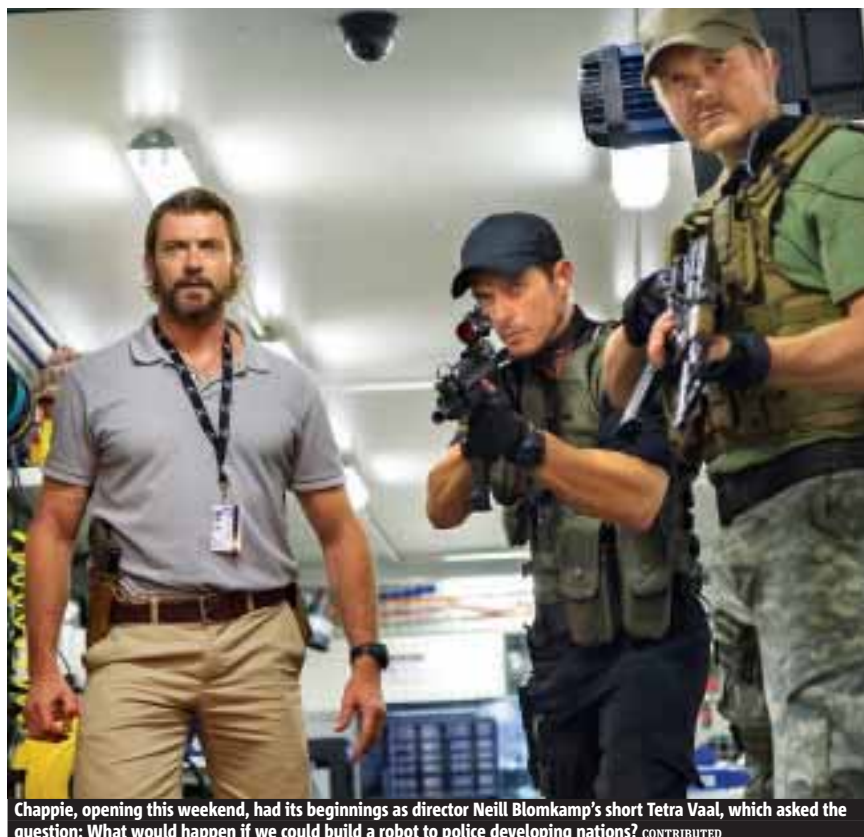
Just ask Tim Burton, Paul Thomas Anderson or Sam Raimi.

Each of them started by making shorts, several of which were later expanded upon to become well known features.

Burton's Frankenweenie first saw life as a Disney short way back in 1984. The Dirk Diggler Story is the 1988 mockumentary short written and directed by Anderson that became the basis for Boogie Nights and Within the Woods was the short calling card that helped Raimi get Evil Dead made.

Short films inspired two of this weekend's big releases.

The Babadook is the feature directorial debut of Australian Jennifer Kent. The horror movie plays up the most terrifying aspect of a primal relationship — the bond between mother and child — coupled with a young boy's fear that a storybook beastie, the titular Babadook, is going to spring from the page and eat them both.



**Chappie**, opening this weekend, had its beginnings as director Neill Blomkamp's short *Tetra Vaal*, which asked the question: What would happen if we could build a robot to police developing nations? CONTRIBUTED

## In Focus

### RICHARD CROUSE



The ideas that make *The Babadook* so unsettling first took shape in a 10-minute short called *Monster*, which screened at 40 festivals worldwide.

"I had a friend who had a child that she was really having trouble connecting with," Kent told Den of Geek.

"He was little and he kept seeing this monster man everywhere. The only way she could get him to calm down was to get rid of it as if it

was real.

"And then I thought, well what if it was actually real? That's how the short idea came about."

Eleven years ago District 9 director Neill Blomkamp's short *Tetra Vaal* asked the question: "What would happen if we could build a robot to police developing nations?"

The answer may lie in his new feature, this weekend's *Chappie*.

The South African-born, Vancouver-based director said *Chappie* is, "basically based on *Tetra Vaal*," with

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the spirit of the South African rap-rave group Die Antwoord infused in the story.

The one minute and 20-second short features Blomkamp's signature mix of gritty realism and high-tech, computer-generated images and stars the "ridiculous robot character" with wild rabbit ears — inspired by Briareos from the manga *Appleseed* — played by Sharlto Copley in the big-screen adaptation.

Blomkamp said he made his shorts as "a collection of work so I could get representation as a commercial director," but they soon opened a world of possibilities for him when they caught Lord of the Rings director Peter Jackson's eye.

To paraphrase Dave Edmunds, "from small things, baby, one day big things come."

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Jared Keeso, left, is the star of a new Canadian TV series based on his online series of shorts, *Letterkenny Problems*, about growing up in rural Ontario. CONTRIBUTED

# YouTube star turns rural boy sketches into comedy series

**On-demand.** Jared Keeso's TV comedy based on online shorts *Letterkenny Problems*

The crass musings of a country boy named Wayne are leaping from YouTube to CraveTV.

Bell Media says its on-demand streaming service has commissioned its first original Canadian series — a six-part, half-hour comedy called *Letterkenny* that will star 19-2 actor Jared Keeso.

The show is based on Keeso's Internet venture *Letterkenny Problems*, a five-part series of shorts that has garnered millions of views. Like the online version, the series will centre on a country boy named Wayne and his life on the farm in *Letterkenny*, Ont.

"It will be as filthy and crass and unintelligent as it was in the web sketches," Keeso promised Thursday during a break from writing scripts in Toronto.

"We don't want to mess with a good thing there. We want to give the audience something that they're already familiar with."

Keeso, from Listowel, Ont., is billed as creator, executive producer and co-writer. The Trotsky writer-director Jacob Tierney will executive produce, direct and co-write and Keeso says additional advice comes from Goon and Fubar director Michael Dowse. Nathan Dales will co-star as Wayne's sidekick, Daryl.

*Letterkenny* was commissioned in partnership with The Comedy Network, which will also air the series.

Keeso said creating the series has been fun so far, but he admits it's new territory for him. Best known for playing beat cop Ben Chartier on Bravo's cop drama 19-2, Keeso notes he's never been paid to write before.

"There's pressure there, and there's deadlines, that's something that's new. With YouTube I could always kind of operate on my own time."

Production begins in northern Ontario this summer. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Hicks, skids and hockey players

Keeso, who won a best actor CSA Sunday for role in 19-2, said the stories are drawn from personal experience.

- "This is something that comes from my own hometown, Listowel, Ont. I'll be pulling from a lot of first-hand experience there, growing up in a town

where getting your (butt) kicked is a legitimate concern on a day-to-day basis," said Keeso, who divides the community into "hicks," "skids," and "hockey players."

- "We'll explore the different groups in the town, why they don't get along."



Jared Keeso  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canuck writer catches lucky comedy shake

**Television.** Tim McAuliffe teams up with star Will Forte for new comedy *The Last Man on Earth*

Tim McAuliffe remembers the very day he began working on *The Last Man on Earth*, which airs Sundays on Fox.

It was last St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

"There was a small earthquake that morning," the Canadian writer says on the phone from his home in Los Angeles. "They called it the 'Shamrock Shake.'"

The quake seemed like a perfect way to begin crafting a comedy set in a post-apocalyptic world.

McAuliffe joined a writer's room headed by creator, executive producer and star Will Forte (*Saturday Night Live*). Forte had teamed up with red-hot executive producers Phil Lord and Chris Miller (*The Lego Movie*) to make a series about a very average guy who — after a deadly virus seemingly wipes out everyone else — finds he's humanity's last hope.

The series opened strongly last Sunday on Fox in the U.S., winning its time slot among younger viewers. Most critics loved it too, with *The Hollywood Reporter's* Tim Goodman heralding it as "a significant deviation from the safe comedic norm of television."

## Sideline

**Mr. D star Gerry Dee launches a beer that tastes like cider**

Sitcom star and standup comic Gerry Dee is getting his own beer.

The Mr. D lead is partnering with the start-up Alcohol Company to launch *Crazy Beard Wild Apple Ale*.

The malt-based beverage made with barley hops is flavoured with apple concentrate and is billed as "a beer that tastes like a cider."

*Crazy Beard* will be available in Ontario.

Dee stars on the CBC-TV sitcom *Mr. D* as a bumbling high school teacher. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



*The Last Man on Earth* airs Sundays on Fox. FRANK OCKENFELS/FOX

Originally from Montreal, McAuliffe started his career at MuchMusic in Toronto before earning his comedy chops in Halifax working on *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*. He followed 22 Minutes with a writing stint on *Corner Gas* and then worked on both sides of the border. He created *Satisfaction* for CTV in Toronto and

wrote for Jimmy Fallon's *Late Night* in New York and *The Office* in L.A.

While writing for the short-lived Will Arnett NBC comedy *Up All Night*, he hit it off with guest star Forte. When Fox gave *Last Man* the green light, Forte raided the *Up All Night* staff, including the Canadian.

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# Celebrity roast. Snoop Dogg, Shaq to fry Bieber

Rapper Snoop Dogg, former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal and lifestyles guru Martha Stewart are among the celebrities set to skewer Canadian pop star Justin Bieber at his upcoming roast.

The eclectic list of roasters also includes rapper Ludacris, and comedians Hannibal Buress, Chris D'Elia, Natasha Leggero and Jeffrey Ross. Though Bieber wanted fellow Canadian actor Seth Rogan to take part, the comedian's name was not on the list.

Comedy star Kevin Hart will host *The Roast of Justin Bieber*. It will premiere March 30 on The Comedy Network.

Bieber, who is featured on the latest cover of *Men's Health* magazine, was this



Justin Bieber GETTY IMAGES

week denying accusations on social media that the topless shoot was photoshopped.

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## Now in theatres

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to [RottenTomatoes.com](http://RottenTomatoes.com).

Ratings: **Certified Fresh:** 🍅 **Fresh:** 🍅 **Rotten:** 🍅 **Audience response:** 🍿 **Audience anticipation for the film:** +

### Action & Adventure



#### Chappie

**Director.** Neill Blomkamp

**Stars.** Hugh Jackman, Sharlto Copley

In the near future, crime is patrolled by an oppressive mechanized police force. But now, the people are fighting back. When one police droid, Chappie, is stolen and given new programming, he becomes the first robot with the ability to think and feel for himself.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**

**Critics:** 20% 🍅 **Audience:** + 96% 🍿

### Comedy



#### Unfinished Business

**Director.** Ken Scott

**Stars.** Vince Vaughn, Dave Franco

A hard-working small business owner (Vince Vaughn) and his two associates (Tom Wilkinson, Dave Franco) travel to Europe to close the most important deal of their lives. But what began as a routine business trip goes off the rails in every way, including unplanned stops at a massive sex fetish event and a global economic summit.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**

**Critics:** 33% 🍅 **Audience:** + 75% 🍿

### Comedy



#### The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

**Director.** John Madden

**Stars.** Judi Dench, Maggie Smith

Now that The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is full with its long-term residents, co-managers Muriel Donnelly (Maggie Smith) and Sonny Kapoor (Dev Patel) have a dream of expansion, and they've found just the place: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**

**Critics:** 73% 🍅 **Audience:** + 89% 🍿

### Drama/Comedy



#### Focus

**Director.** John Requa, Glenn Ficarra

**Stars.** Will Smith, Rodrigo Santoro

A con artist (Will Smith) takes on an inexperienced apprentice in this crime comedy from the filmmaking duo behind Crazy Stupid Love: Glenn Ficarra and John Requa.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**

**Critics:** 55% 🍅 **Audience:** 62% 🍿

### Comedy/International



#### After The Ball

**Director.** Sean Garrity

**Stars.** Portia Doubleday, Chris Noth

Kate's dream is to design for couturier houses. Although she is a bright new talent, Kate can't get a job. No one trusts the daughter of Lee Kassell, a retail guru who markets clothes "inspired" by the very designers Kate wants to work for. Reluctantly, Kate joins the family business where she must navigate around her duplicitous stepmother and two wicked stepsisters.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**

**Critics:** No reviews yet **Audience:** 71% 🍿

### Drama



#### McFarland

**Director.** Niki Caro

**Stars.** Kevin Costner, Carlos Pratt

From Disney comes McFarland, the true against-all-odds story of the 1987 McFarland high school cross-country team in an economically challenged community.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**

**Critics:** 79% 🍅 **Audience:** 92% 🍿

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# Tina Desai is feeling good as Marigold

**Profile.** Indian actress joins ensemble cast once again in *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

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Get to know Tina Desai, currently starring in *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, and coming soon to Netflix in the Wachowskis' *Sense8*.

**Performance that inspired you to become an actress:** Shah Rukh Khan's performances. He's just a force in India, and of course I was one of those who was affected by

his charms. I became an actor because I realized his films made such an impact on my life.

**Perk of fame you're most looking forward to taking advantage of:**

Free makeup! I was just offered that by my makeup artist. It doesn't get better. Oh, and when you get to travel a

bit more. And you get to stay at Claridge's, which I hear is such a big deal.

**First celebrity crush:**

Hmm ... (Indian film actor) Shah Rukh Khan.

**The last thing you Googled:**

Let me check and tell you (looks at phone). The weather. The weather in London.



Tina Desai in *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. CONTRIBUTED

I wanted to know whether I would freeze or not at the premiere.

**Last book you read:**

I'm still reading it. It's Elmore Leonard's *Freaky Deaky*. It was a gift to me from (English actor) Bill Nighy, actually, because I was reading some other books that he completely trashed and said, "You will not read this!" It was a controversial writer who he felt really strongly about.

**The best person to follow on Twitter or Instagram:**

Ellen DeGeneres. She's really funny. I love following her. There's also Obama, because I'm interested in politics. And now there's Narendra Modi, our prime minister, who's extremely tech-savvy.

**What happens after you die:**

I don't know myself. There are so many people that say you go to heaven, you go to hell, you come back to earth reincarnated. I don't get any of them. I would prefer that you just die and that's it, nothing happens after. That makes a little bit more sense. You come here, you do your thing and that's it.

**Ideal Saturday night:**

Oh, I just entered the party

phase. I used to be the one who would sit at home and read a book and chat with people over the phone, but I've been given more liberty. I live with my family and I used to have a deadline of 10 o'clock but now it's 2 o'clock, so it's very exciting. I actually can go out and dance. That's probably boring, that's probably what you did when you were 16, but I've only just started.

**Dream role:**

Two things really excite me, though I have no idea how I'll do them. One is to do something completely fantasy-based, like a *Pirates of the Caribbean* or a *Harry Potter* or *Lord of the Rings*, which is something that's completely based on imagination, so you can do whatever you want. I don't know how strong my imagination is, I might completely muck it up. The other one would be to do a biopic, and then you have no freedom. You have to completely follow that person, look like them, talk like, think like them. Those are both extremely difficult, but I think they would be fun. I really think I might muck it up like hell, but I don't know and it seems challenging.

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# Exposing an all-too-common crime on campus

## Documentary.

Filmmakers examine controversial handling of sexual assault claims in U.S. schools

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The Hunting Ground is Kirby Dick and Amy Ziering's second documentary in a row on sexual assault being ignored by institutions.

The Invisible War concerned the military; The Hunting Ground zeroes in on college campuses. They found administrations badly handling, if not outright ignoring, sexual assault charges, leaving survivors to band together to form activist groups. Together, Dick and Ziering have been responsible for several muckraking docs, including Outrage (about closeted Republican politicians) and This Film is Not Yet Rated (about the MPAA).

### The Hunting Ground seems like a natural outgrowth of The Invisible War. Was that how it started?

Amy Ziering: In the course of going around campuses showing Invisible War, time and again students would come up to us and say, "This happened to me here. A lot of what you pointed out happening in Invisible War happened right here at Occidental or at Berkeley." We started getting letters that said, "I saw Invisible War. Please make a film about this." After a few months we sat down and said, "We can't not make this film."

### What can film do for this issue that, say, a book or



The makers of The Hunting Ground say they were compelled to create the documentary after hearing the stories of students whose assaults had been disregarded. STILL FROM THE HUNTING GROUND

### an article cannot?

Kirby Dick: First of all, in these cases, you're hearing the survivors' stories. You're seeing them recount them. That's a lot different than reading about it in print. Secondly, a film can just compact everything. It can compact the analysis of a problem with the emotional experience of the survivors into one very intense package that will stay with the viewers.

AZ: I also think our culture is so ADD and fragmented — when else do you have someone's attention for 90 minutes? It's one form you can still get people to sit there and percolate on something that allows for them to have a transformative experience.

### The Hunting Ground is ultimately a hopeful film, as you show that there are survivors forming groups

### that reach out across the nation.

AZ: I think they felt like there was finally space in our culture to hear about these crimes, where people were not passing judgment on everyone involved with them. I think we're seeing a shift there. I was surprised by the number of people who spoke about it publicly, about what happened to them, and felt it was necessary to do.

### What kind of responses have you heard from schools so far?

KB: There's been an incredible response from colleges and universities in terms of programming the film. We already have dozens of screenings scheduled around the country. And we've had dozens of more inquiries. That is a good sign. It's one reason we made the film. We felt there would be a real opportunity



Kirby Dick CONTRIBUTED

to show the film on campuses across the country, and have those schools see the problem, the activists and survivors to start pushing for change and the administrators to understand the nature of the problem and find ways to change it, school by school by school.

### What can they do to change?

AZ: The schools need to improve their investigation and adjudication processes. It's not about anything these survivors could have done differently. That's a very important point. As much as we love the other work that has been done in the field so far, to some extent it still does put the blame on the people it's happening to and not the people who are doing it.

I'd love to see these crimes to be seen in line with other crimes. You don't sit there and go, "What could have been done differently by someone who's been carjacked?" Or "Gee, he really should have prevented that murder?" Bad stuff happens, and this is something that is really bad.



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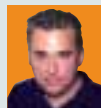
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In a world happy to acknowledge the existence of everything from beer (April 7) to tequila (July 24) with their own 24 hours, the idea of giving props to a classic winter beverage makes perfect sense to me.

The great thing is mulled wine is so easy to make.

All you need to do is warm up a bottle of fuller-bodied red (or fortified) wine then add a dash or two of liqueur and a handful of spices.

While the Romans were the first to piece together the recipe, almost every European country has its own version, all of which are readily available online.

Don't spend a lot when it comes to choosing a wine. I prefer using a cheaper red from Spain, Portugal or Chile.

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# Turn your kitchen into a cooking class

**Breakfast.** Replace bulky pancakes with these Thin Crepes and get the little ones involved



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School-aged children are getting a week-long recess this month, leaving parents to plan an action-packed week for the entire family.

While that usually means plenty of outdoor fun, it's wise to have indoor activities in your back pocket should Mother Nature not co-operate. Enter an at-home cooking class featuring a breakfast staple: crepes.

They're easy to make, extra-tasty — especially when doused in a homemade sauce — and a great way to get the kids in the kitchen.

Who knows: You might discover that you have a Ricardo-in-training in your midst.

1. In a bowl, combine the

## Ingredients

- 1 cup (140 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) milk
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp (14 g) unsalted butter, melted
- Softened butter, for cooking

flour, sugar and salt. Add the eggs, 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the milk and the vanilla and whisk until smooth. Gradually add the remaining milk, stirring constantly. Whisk in the melted butter.

2. Preheat a 9-inch (23 cm) non-stick skillet over medium heat. When the skillet is hot, brush it with butter.

3. For each crepe, pour about 3 tbsp of batter in the centre of the skillet. Tilt the skillet to spread the batter evenly until it covers the entire bottom of the skillet. When the edge peels off easily and begins to brown, flip the crepe with a spatula. Continue cooking for about 10 seconds and then remove from the skillet.

4. Place the cooked crepes on a plate as you go. Cover with aluminum foil to keep them from drying out and to keep them warm. Delicious with maple syrup or blueberry sauce.

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This recipe makes about 14 crepes. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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International Women's Day is an opportunity for anyone to get involved, and Plan Canada has created a number of ways for Canadians to take action. CONTRIBUTED

## Lots worth celebrating, progress still to be made

**Plan Canada.** Because I Am A Girl tackles gender inequality around the globe

JEN TRAPLIN  
For Metro

For more than 75 years, Plan, one of the world's oldest and largest international development agencies, has been working to end global poverty in an effort to improve the lives of children worldwide.

Plan works in 70 countries, including 51 developing nations. One of its main initia-

tives is the Because I Am A Girl campaign, which aims to end gender inequality, promote women's and girls' rights and lift them out of poverty.

International Women's Day is being marked around the world Sunday, and Plan Canada is using the opportunity to shine the spotlight on gender inequality.

"These days are exciting for us because, while we talk about gender issues all year in our work, when International Women's Day comes around, it's an opportunity for us to engage more broadly with people who may not do that day in and day out like we do," said Kristy Payne, Plan Canada's

### How you can donate

Plan Canada offers numerous donation options. Commit to a monthly sponsorship or make a one-time donation, in-

cluding giving a Gift of Hope through its ethical gift-giving program. To make a donation, visit [plancanada.ca](http://plancanada.ca).

vice-president of communications and public engagement.

"We're excited because it's an opportunity to recognize women's rights and achievements and to get everyone around to celebrate how far women have come."

While International Women's Day is a time to celebrate, it's important to acknowledge there are still many

challenges women and girls face all over the world, but also here at home.

Payne said one of the ways we can help end global poverty is acknowledging the connection between education and women's empowerment.

"Sixty-two million girls around the world aren't going to school. We know that education for women and girls is

key," she said, adding that for every year a girl stays in school, her potential income will increase by 15 to 25 per cent.

Plan Canada has created a number of ways for Canadians to engage in their cause, on top of simply making a donation.

For starters, Payne encourages all Canadians to visit [becauseiamagirl.ca](http://becauseiamagirl.ca), a site dedicated to providing information on the issues that affect women and girls. As well, you can share your ideas on how to create brighter futures by using #brighterfuture on social media.

Plan Canada is also part of an alliance of more than 100 organizations that are urging

Canadians to sign the Up For Debate petition, which calls for a nationally broadcast leaders' debate during the next federal election, focused on women and girls at home and abroad.

For all of these initiatives, Payne said it's just as important for men and boys to get involved as it is for women and girls, and added she has noticed an increase in male participation.

"They are change makers. They are the ones who can make sustainable change and share different viewpoints with their peers, so we often get men and boys wanting to be engaged in our work."

## Women's Day aimed at gender equality



International Women's Day is celebrated with a wide range of events around the world on March 8. SHUTTERSTOCK

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Hashtags now coexist with placards, and the socialist roots of International Women's Day have branched out to become a rallying point for the social, economic and political advancement of women, and to celebrate how much has been accomplished.

But, despite its different incarnations throughout the

last century, the aim of the annual event remains the same: push governments to recognize the necessity of sex and gender equality in law.

"There's a really seductive tendency to say women are equal and then you look closer and you realize there are still lots of challenges," said Doris Mae Oulton, president of the Canadian Federation of University Women, a non-profit, equality-seeking organization of female university graduates, students

and associated members. "You need a way of focusing people's attention, and International Women's Day does that while also seeing diverse groups meet on common ground to talk about how to proceed with issues."

Observed on March 8, International Women's Day is celebrated around the world through a wide range of events including marches, conferences, workshops and fundraisers under a common theme that changes yearly.

The theme for 2015, Make It Happen, encourages effective action for advancing and recognizing women. Many organizations also choose themes specific to their cause.

"If you talk to a woman for more than 10 minutes, you will find something she is passionate about in terms of equality," Oulton said. "She may not see herself as a feminist, but she will certainly have an area in her life that resonates with the ad-

vancement of women."

So if the objectives of International Women's Day are eventually met, will there be a day when the event won't be needed?

"The hope is that one day we won't need the reasons why it started," Oulton said. "But if we've done it all, we still need a way to shine a light on that and I hope at that point International Women's Day evolves into a celebration of just all of our accomplishments."



# Working to fill the wage gap

## Employer initiative.

Incentives for paternal leave would help, researcher says

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"It's our time to have wage equality, once and for all."

With that statement, made during her acceptance speech for best supporting actress at the Academy Awards, Patricia Arquette has reignited the issue of the gender pay gap.

The message is one that resonates with women all over the world and it's a problem we are certainly not immune to here in Canada.

The World Economic Forum's latest Global Gender Gap Index report places Canada 27th among 142 countries — behind Sri Lanka, Qatar

and the Philippines — when it comes to wage equity. On average, women here earn about 20 per cent less than men.

Miana Plesca, an associate professor of economics and finance at the University of Guelph, has been studying the gender pay gap and recently received a grant from Ontario's Pay Equity Commission to further analyze the issue.

She said her research has shown one of the main reasons men are promoted more often and make more money than women is the simple fact that women take more time off work after having babies.

"Some policies which may incentivize men to take as much parental leave as women do would help," Plesca said, adding "we cannot have complete equality in the labour force unless there is equality in the family."

Plesca's research is in line with that of Kate McInturff,

senior researcher and director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' Making Women Count project.

She said employers are, likely unintentionally, making decisions on behalf of their employees by assuming all women will eventually take leave to have babies while all men won't.

"If you look at Quebec, where they have offered paternity leave, the number of men who take that has tripled since it was introduced — three out of four new fathers take paternity leave. In the rest of Canada, it's one in four," she said, adding it's up to employers to make changes.

"The reality is most families have two working parents and both parents want to take some time off after having a baby and then it seems both parents want to go back to work and, obviously, get paid the same amount."



Employers unintentionally assume women will take time off to have children.



Three out of four new fathers take paternity leave in Quebec. SHUTTERSTOCK IMAGES



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# Canada takes a step back in transgender rights

**Civil liberties.** Advocates say Bill C-279, which adds gender identity to Canadian Human Rights Act, will subject group to sexual harassment

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When it comes to equality and recognizing women's rights, Canada has a lot of which to be proud.

But the country continues to fall short in its efforts to protect one of its most vulnerable groups — transgender women.

Canada has made some progress in this area — a number of provinces have adopted trans-inclusive protections — but, at the federal level, an amendment to transgender rights bill C-279 is causing out-

rage among the trans community and its supporters.

The bill, which recently passed in the Senate, seeks to add gender identity to the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Before it passed, though, Conservative Sen. Don Plett, citing safety issues, added an amendment, exempting it from applying to "sex-specific" facilities, like public washrooms.

The amendment has been denounced by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and some Liberal and NDP senators.

Rachel Lauren Clark is a

Toronto-based motivational speaker and LGBT rights advocate.

She believes forcing transgender women to use gender-assigned washrooms subjects them to sexual harassment.

So, while Plett may think the amendment protects women, what it's really doing is putting an already susceptible group even more at risk, Clark said.

"This amendment is really an attack on females as a whole," she said, adding it sends the message that women should be evaluated based on their appearance.

"He's defining trans women by what he thinks are their secondary sex characteristics — meaning do they have a penis or a vagina — and if that's the

only criteria, then who is going to check genitals when we're going into the washroom?"

Clark said she knows many cisgender women who may not necessarily look feminine, and wondered what people will say when they see those women in the washroom.

"When you start delineating that down to its very atomic level, you start to get into an area where you're saying you have to be this kind of vision of female to use the washroom and, as women, we should be outraged about that," she said.

"This isn't just an assault on trans women, but on all women."

The bill has been sent back to the House of Commons for further debate.

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# Brier's purple heart gets silver edition

**Curling.** Crest denoting qualifiers for annual tournament remade for defending champions

The Brier's storied purple heart — with its origins in something people once smoked — has a new look at this year's Canadian men's curling championship in Calgary.

A purple, heart-shaped crest has adorned the jacket of every provincial and territorial men's curling champion since the first Brier in 1927. Earning a Purple Heart is like gaining entry into a secret society for male curlers.

"I remember winning my first one and not wanting to let it go," said Northern Ontario skip Brad Jacobs. "A lot of the guys from Northern Ontario said, 'Sleep with it under your pillow,' and I did that."

MacDonald Tobacco Company sponsored the Brier for its first 49 years. Purple Heart was the brand name of a tobacco the company sold.

"They were using this as brand identification by creating the image of the purple heart as the crest for winning a province or territory," explained Danny Lamoureux, Curling Canada's director of championship services.

The 2015 Tim Hortons Brier — the 85th national men's championship — was the first in which the defending champion from the previous year gained an automatic entry as Team Canada.



A heart crest adorns the jacket of Team Canada second Carter Rycroft. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Quoted

**"There's some that may say it's sacrilege to tinker with the purple heart, but we didn't."**

Danny Lamoureux, Curling Canada's director of championship services

The team skipped by John Morris would wear the Maple Leaf at the Brier for the first time.

The question was how to incorporate the purple heart, an enduring symbol of the event's history, onto their jackets.

"We just didn't want to give the team a regular purple heart because quite frankly

they didn't compete in their provincial or territorial championship," Lamoureux said.

A silver heart crest was created for the defending champions and worn for the first time this year by John Morris, Pat Simmons, Carter Rycroft and Nolan Thiessen.

"I knew we'd have something there just because it

would be odd if we didn't have anything," Simmons said. "Obviously it's the first time."

"It obviously means you've had success the year prior. I think it will be something that's more coveted as years go by."

It's a similar concept to the Canadian women's curling championship, which has had a Team Canada since 1985. Provincial and territorial winners at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts wear red heart-shaped crests, while the defending champions' crests are blue.

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Newfoundland and Labrador skip Brad Gushue gestures to his teammates as Northern Ontario skip Brad Jacobs looks on at the Brier in Calgary, Thursday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Gushue beats Jacobs to secure playoff spot

Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue handed Northern Ontario its first loss of the Canadian men's curling championships and vaulted into the playoffs.

### Additional results

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Thursday's late draw and weekend coverage of the Brier.



Gushue edged the Brad Jacobs foursome 6-5 in Thursday morning's draw.

The game was a preview of Friday's playoff game between the top two seeds, as both teams were guaranteed a top-two finish.

The third and fourth playoff berths were still in play after Thursday afternoon's draw. Ties for fourth will be solved by tiebreaker games.

Jacobs was 10-1 and Gushue 8-2 heading into the evening draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NFL

### It's official: Manning back for 18th season

If the Denver Broncos' 2015 season goes the way he hopes, Peyton Manning will earn back every penny of the \$4-million pay cut he took Thursday. No. 18 made his return for an 18th NFL season official by passing his physical a day after agreeing to a revised contract that calls for him to make \$15 million this season.

The new deal he signed after getting a clean bill of health includes incentives of \$2 million each for winning the AFC title and the Super Bowl.

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## CFL

### Elizondo confirms he's Argos' new receivers coach

Jaime Elizondo is back with the Toronto Argonauts.

Elizondo posted on his Facebook page Thursday that he's working as the CFL club's receivers coach. There was no immediate announcement from the Argos, who currently don't have a receivers coach.

Elizondo served as the Toronto team's offensive co-ordinator/quarterback coach in 2010-11 under former head coach, now general manager, Jim Barker. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## PGA

### Holmes in driver's seat at Cadillac

J.B. Holmes had a tap-in eagle to go along with eight birdies for a 10-under 62 to build a four-shot lead after the opening round of the Cadillac Championship.

If only the game were that easy for Rory McIlroy. The world's No. 1 player played cautiously, shot 40 on his opening nine holes and had to rally for a 73. He hasn't broken par in his three rounds in America this year.

Ryan Moore hit into the water and made double bogey on the 18th hole and shot a 66. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Referees in the Western Hockey League have been sending offenders like Kelowna Rockets' Jesse Lees (above) to the penalty box at a record low rate this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# WHL future: Fewer fouls and more skill

**Rule change.** Loosening of some laws have changed the game for the better says league's officiating director

Referees in the traditionally rough-and-tumble Western Hockey League have been sending offenders to the penalty box at a record low rate this season.

As the 2014-15 campaign draws to a close, multiple teams could break the WHL's record for fewest penalty minutes in a season set by the 2013-14 Everett Silvertips with 816 in 72 games. Everett, with 646 minutes in 64 games, will almost certainly break that mark, as will the Kootenay Ice, who have been whistled for just 631 minutes in the same span.

As recently as three seasons ago, every team in the league racked up at least 1,000 minutes. This season could finish

with as few as three teams topping that benchmark, and only the Prince George Cougars have already reached four digits.

Teams are fighting less, but are also taking fewer minor penalties. In 2006-07, the average team earned 6.7 power plays per game. Loosening of some rules brought that down to approximately 5.5 the next season, but there's been a steady decline since even as the sport continues to tighten restrictions on violent hits.

This season, WHL teams average about 4.1 power plays per game. "I think that's a good thing," said WHL director of officiating Kevin Muench. "The game is changing; there's more emphasis on speed and skill."

Muench said there's been no "conscious effort" by the WHL's officiating arm to decrease penalty calls, and cites coaching and education in explaining why there are fewer whistles. "We've been meeting with teams for a handful of years about penalty infractions,

## Quoted

**"The game is changing, there's more emphasis on speed and skill."**

WHL director of officiating Kevin Muench

and we talk about how standards are going to be applied," said Muench. "Once there's a buy-in, players have a stronger understanding and coaches have done a good job teaching."

Kootenay coach Ryan McGill, an imposing presence in his playing days who compiled 793 penalty minutes in four WHL seasons, says teams have adjusted to a new reality in hockey. "The intimidation factor isn't really there anymore," said McGill. "The game is going away from that. I think big hits are out of the game because the player giving the hit understands there's a risk for suspension," said McGill.

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Do something dramatic and decisive today but make sure you know what you are doing because the planets warn you could easily overreach yourself.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If someone gives you a hard time today don't take it to heart: most likely they just need to let off steam and you happen to be the closest target. If you stay calm and in control they will make it up to you big time tomorrow.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you go to extremes today it will cause more problems than it solves, especially on the work front where you would be wise not to change routines you have grown used to.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Do you follow your instincts or your friends? That is the question you must answer and it must be one thing or the other. First, of course, you need to decide what means the most to you: ambition or popularity.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Changes on the work front will move in your favour over the next few days, so be ready to take advantage of new opportunities and don't feel too sorry for colleagues who fall out of favour.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

With the Sun and Pluto linking across favourable areas of your chart today it may seem you can't lose. But Pluto can be deceptive, so it might be wise not to push your luck.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If the only way to get what you want today is to reveal something about yourself that you would prefer to keep secret then maybe you are on the wrong track. According to the planets you may get the worst of the deal, so think again.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

With the Sun energizing your ruler Pluto, you are the proverbial irresistible force. However, if you go too far now you may have to pay for it later.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Keep in mind that you have nothing to prove. Certain people will try to make you feel like a failure but the only real failures are those who never aim high or take risks — and no one can say that of you.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are in a positive mood and that's good because there is so much that needs to be done. But don't try to do it all in one go because even if you succeed you will exhaust yourself.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You want to do something one way but everyone else wants to do it another way. Just get on and do what you feel is right and most people will come round to your way of thinking.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you want to make changes, now is the time. No matter how laidback a Pisces you happen to be today's Sun-Pluto link will spur you into action and you will get things done. If only you could be this dynamic daily!

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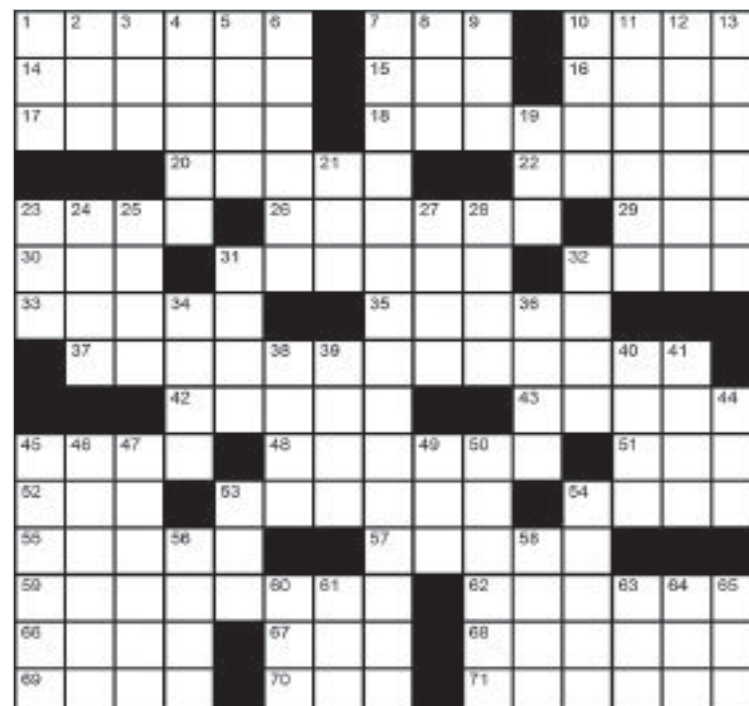
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48. Prince of Monaco
51. Sister
52. Attila the Who?
53. Celine's "The



- Prayer" duettist
54. Informality
55. Canadian pollster, Dr. \_\_\_ Reid
57. Exclusive circle
59. Honoured as a 'Sir'
62. Toronto: Yonge-\_\_\_ Square
66. Phoned
67. "\_\_\_ the Dog" (1997)

68. Mythological mountain nymphs
69. Parisian 'souls'
70. "All bets \_\_\_ off."
71. Dances, concert-pit-style

### Down

1. Regime de Pen-sions du Canada ...what is its English

- acronym?
2. US motorists org.
3. Pre-daylight times [abbr.]
4. Wristwatch brand
5. "\_\_\_, you noblest English." - Shake-speare
6. "Because I \_\_\_!" (That's why!)
7. Prince William's

- title: 3 wds.
8. US covert maritime gr.
9. "Super!"
10. Trigonometry ratio
11. Coffee makers company
12. Ontario commu-nity between Sarnia and London

13. Joshes
19. Mr. Milne's
21. 1989 'Weird Al' Yankovic flick
23. 'Bound' suffix
24. Bog stuff
25. Repeat
27. Elvis' variant middle name
28. Starring part
31. Saint \_\_\_, NB
32. "I'd consider \_\_\_ honour..."
34. Candid
36. William Wallace, for one
38. Get \_\_\_ (Sun-bathe)
39. Stated
40. Singer Ms. Simone
41. 'Right' suffix
44. Navigator's dir.
45. One of the body's points of spiritual power
46. English actor Charlie
47. Google = Search
49. 'Velvet' suffix
50. Unsystematic
53. Wood variety
54. Sea eagles, variantly
56. Australian boots
58. Overseas currency
60. Defunct airline
61. Bunny's one-of-two
63. Morse 'T'
64. Fruit drink
65. Stuck keyboard letter between 'A' and 'D'

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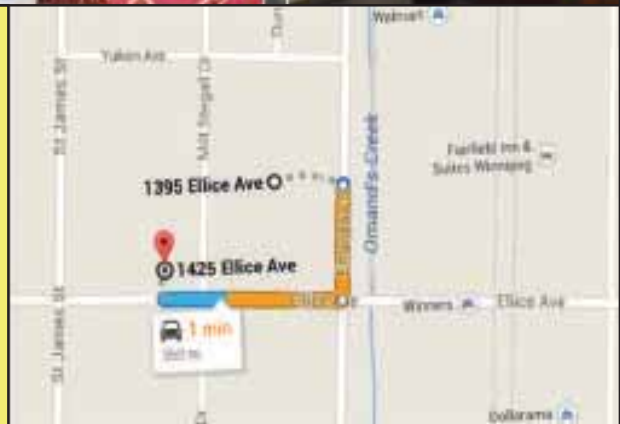
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